

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 180

January 31, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires healthcare providers to ensure certain patients admitted to a facility and in their care are provided access to, or contact information for, a qualified mental health professional or mental health counseling resource prior to the patient's discharge from the facility.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation will not have a significant impact on the policies or procedures of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS); therefore, any fiscal impact to DMHSAS is not significant.
- Based on information provided by the Division of TennCare (Division), referring patients with behavioral health needs to qualified providers is current standard practice and will not result in a significant increase in utilization; therefore, any fiscal impact to the Division is estimated to be not significant.
- Any necessary rule changes by boards under the Division of Health-Related Boards can be accommodated within the appropriate board's regularly-scheduled meetings at no additional cost.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Boards had an annual surplus of \$2,524,075 in FY18-19, an annual surplus of \$1,107,948 in FY19-20, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$34,229,587 on June 30, 2020.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

/vh